Minutes of the Dodge County Highway Committee Meeting August 6, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Dodge County Highway Committee was called to order by the Chairman at 8:30 a.m. on August 6, 2015, in the upper level conference room of the Dodge County Airport Terminal building.

ROLL CALL: The following members were present – Harold Johnson, Chester Caine, Randy Grebel, and Jeff Berres. William Muche was absent. Commissioner Brian Field, Assistant Commissioner Peter Thompson, and County Administrator Jim Mielke were also present. County Finance Director Julie Kolp, Airport Manager Mary Gasper, Robert Schutte, and Mark Bobholz were present for part of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Caine and seconded by Grebel to approve the agenda as presented and allow the Chairman to go out of order as needed to efficiently conduct the meeting. Motion carried.

REVIEW MINUTES OF JULY 16, 2015: Minutes of July 16, 2015, were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

AIRPORT FIXED BASE OPERATOR REPORT: Mary Gasper reported a successful EAA Air Venture week with many visitors to the airport. Hangar sales and fuel usage are increasing as well as takeoff and landing activity.

STAFF REPORTS AND DEPARTMENT CONCERNS: Nate Minnig has been promoted to West Side Patrol Superintendent. Employee hiring and roster updates were discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no Committee reports.

PROJECT UPDATES: Two grant-funded GRS bridges will be scheduled for installation in 2016.

Department staff met recently with Village of Iron Ridge officials to discuss the CTH S reconstruction project. Complications with the railroad/pedestrian crossing and funding levels continue.

CTH E (STH 26 – Horicon) is now open. CTH E (CTH A – STH 26) will be open by August 14th.

CTH AA (W. Co. Line – CTH A) is surfaced and open.

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ATV-UTV ACCESS ON COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAYS POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

Several policy options were reviewed. It was the consensus of the Highway Committee to continue developing a general policy and application process for permitting groups to access certain portions of county trunk highways for ATV-UTV travel. Law enforcement personnel should also be consulted in this process.

CTH S DRAINAGE CONCERNS: Thompson reported that his recent research of the drainage area on CTH S (Barstow Road – Shaw Hill Road) indicates that the area can be improved by the addition of a 36" diameter cross culvert adjacent to the Schutte property located at W9154 County Road S. This installation will be scheduled for later this construction season. Mr. Schutte thanked the Commission for their attention to his concerns.

UNIT #364 REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT: A revenue vs. expense report for Weiler Road Widener Unit #364 was presented showing a net gain of \$18,767.54 from inception to date. Revenue vs. expense reports for Quad Axle Dump Truck Unit #s 001 and 002 show net gains of \$14,810.91 and \$13,310.52 respectively.

2016 SATELLITE SHOP CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATES: The current construction cost estimates for the satellite shop replacement projects in Reeseville and Neosho total \$7.1 million plus site work. Alternative building styles and options are being researched. These alternatives will be presented at a future meeting.

DRAINAGE DISTRICT ACTIVITY UPDATE: The on-going drainage concerns adjacent to Fairfield Road in the Town of Oak Grove in Drainage District #1 are awaiting proposed system improvement plans and estimates from the Drainage District's engineering firm.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO ABOLISH TWO EQUIPMENT OPERATOR POSITIONS AND CREATE TWO UTILITY TRUCK II/TRUCK DRIVER POSITIONS:

Motion by Caine and seconded by Grebel to consider a resolution to abolish two Equipment Operator positions and create two Utility Truck II/Truck Driver positions and to forward the resolution to the County Clerk for the next County Board meeting. Motion carried.

SIX-MONTH REVIEW OF 2015 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET ACCOUNTS: A six-month review of 2015 Highway Department budget accounts was distributed and discussed.

REVIEW VOUCHER PAYMENT REGISTERS: Voucher payment registers were reviewed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: The following items will be added to an upcoming meeting agenda: ATV-UTV policy considerations, satellite shop projects, and Airport Runway 8/26 paving project.

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NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: The next Committee meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on August 13, 2015, in the Juneau office for a field trip to the Fond du Lac County satellite shop in Campbellsport.

FIELD REVIEW: The Committee field reviewed the CTH E (Beaver Dam – Horicon) improvement projects.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Harold J. Johnson – Chairman

Randy Grebel - Secretary

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